

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2005.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Randy Menard – Chair (District 9), Rob Stevenson – Vice Chair (District 8), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Dale Bourgeois (District 2), Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D. (District 3), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Bruce Conque (District 6), Marc Mouton (District 7)

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk) and Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: L. J. Durel, Jr. (City-Parish President), Dee Stanley (CAO), Becky Lalumia (CFO), Pat Ottinger (Legal Counsel)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 3)(SIDE A)(013) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Councilmember Randy Menard called the Emergency Council Meeting of September 6, 2005 to order.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

(TAPE 3)(SIDE A)(014) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: EMERGENCY O-263-2005 An emergency ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council recognizing and certifying as to a public emergency as a result of Hurricane Katrina and providing for the authority of the Lafayette City-Parish President to take certain actions in response to such public emergency, including the expenditure of funds pursuant to an emergency appropriation and the execution of agreements with other political subdivisions for the provision of assistance and other aid, motion to adopt as amended (*amendment being to add in Section 3, line 10: “to the Council on a monthly basis”*) by Bourgeois, seconded by Broussard.

Ottinger explained that on the Saturday before the hurricane, President Durel declared Lafayette Parish in a State of Emergency, which authorized the President to take certain actions. This ordinance is intended to allow President Durel or his designee to take the proscribed actions on a very quick basis, as there would not be time for a two-week layover of an ordinance. A meeting was held with all directors to determine the needs in their departments and this ordinance is a result of that meeting. This ordinance allows a budgetary revision with a cap of \$2,000,000 and reports will be made to the Council as the funds are used. LCG will be applying to F.E.M.A. for reimbursements.

Conque offered an amendment to add in Section 3, Line 10 “to the Council on a monthly basis”. The maker and the second accepted the amendment.

Upon questioning by Badeaux, Ottinger stated that an emergency ordinance is only effective for 30 days; however, the Council can activate it for an additional 30 days. Coming up next on this agenda is a companion ordinance for introduction with final adoption in 2 weeks. Once the companion ordinance is adopted, the emergency ordinance will be null and void.

Bourgeois called for the question, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

The Chair then called for a vote on the ordinance as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

(TAPE 3)(SIDE A)(316) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: O-264-2005 An ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council recognizing and certifying as to a public emergency as a result of Hurricane Katrina and providing for the authority of the Lafayette City-Parish President to take certain actions in response to such public emergency, including the expenditure of funds pursuant to an emergency appropriation and the execution of agreements with other political subdivisions for the provision of assistance and other aid, motion to adopt as amended (*amendment being to add in Section 3, line 10: “to the Council on a monthly basis”*) by Stevenson, seconded by Badeaux, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 3)(SIDE A)(334) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Comments from the public regarding the above Introductory ordinance. *No comments were made.*

ADJOURN

(TAPE 3)(SIDE A)(336) There being no further business to come before the Council, the Emergency Council Meeting was adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL